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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **BERNARD P.J. THIERS**

SERIAL NO.: 10/753,453

CONFIRMATION NO. 8707

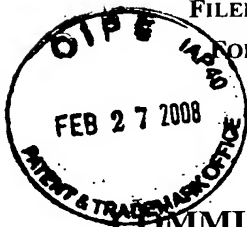
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ATTY. REFERENCE: THIE3009/JEK/JJC

TITLE: FLOORING COVERING, FLOOR PANEL AND SET OF FLOOR PANELS FOR FORMING SUCH FLOOR COVERING, AND METHODS FOR THE PACKAGING AND MANUFACTURING OF SUCH FLOOR PANELS



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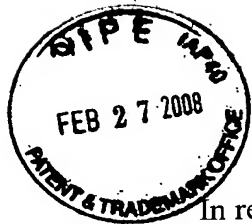
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF NOVEMBER 28, 2007

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office action dated November 28, 2007 in the above application wherein claims 24-36 were rejected. In view of the following amendment and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.